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THAT the mill and landed property near the line of the intended Canal, will be greatly injured by a loss of water.

THAT the rain and land-floods are the source of the springs which constitute the brooks.

THE CASE of Mr. Watson and his Cotton-mill, is stated as peculiarly hard and oppressive.

THE FOLEY ESTATE is likewise mentioned as another instance of THE STAFFORDSHIRE COMPANY object to it on two grounds, viz. That their Canal, with all its imperfections, will be the best road to market, and that the intended one is useless. And again,

THAT the intended Canal will ruin theirs, by taking away the trade.

ANSWERS.

A CLAUSE is inserted in the Bill, folio 9 and 10, to secure the several streams, springs, brooks and rivulets crossing the line of the Canal, for the use of the mills and lands; a general restriction never inserted in any Canal Act before.

THERE can be no land-floods 'till the earth has imbibed the rain, and obtained an ample supply for the springs, if they are constituted by those means.

MORE water runs waste from Mr. Watson's mill than would supply the Canal. If none runs waste, would Mr. Watson have erected a waste weir, or tumbling bay, at an enormous expence? Mr. Watson is only tenant for about eighteen years, and his Landlord consents to the Canal.

THE cause of Mr. Watson's opposition is more likely to arise from another motive, viz. he is a proprietor of the Staffordshire Canal.

THE FOLEY ESTATE cannot possibly receive an injury: *Barnet*

IF the Staffordshire Canal is the best road, no injury can arise to them. If the New Road proves the best, the Publick are benefited; but 'tis well known there is, and will be, trade enough for both. The Staffordshire Canal cannot supply the present demand for coals: how then will it be enabled to do it when that demand is doubly encreased, which it undoubtedly will when the Thames and Severn Canal is completed?

THE DIVIDENDS of the Staffordshire Canal have been so great, that before the intended Canal can possibly be executed, the Proprietors of it will have received the principal money embarked therein, with compound interest.

THE community receive an advantage by a competition, which always secures them against a monopoly. No injury will ensue to the Publick should the Plan be ill concerted; but the Proprietors will execute it in a manner conducive to the public interest, or it will never answer their own.

It would surely be a great hardship to deprive the Gentlemen of Worcestershire of the means now offered to improve their estates, as the present undertaking will, in all probability, encrease them one-third in value, they being now deprived of water-carriage for coal, lime, and manure.

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